

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 14-33 are pending in the application, with claims 14, 32, and 33 being the independent claims. Claims 32 and 33 are sought to be amended. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

The Office Action rejected claims 14-33 "under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,731,160." (Office Action at pp. 2-3.)

Regarding claims 14-33, Applicant has filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Art with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,731,160, thereby rendering these rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and remove his rejections of claims 14-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,731,160.

The Office Action also provisionally rejected claims 14-19 "under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5-17 of copending Application No. 10/695313." (Office Action at p. 3.)

Regarding claims 14-19, Applicant has filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Art with respect to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0108892 (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/695,313), thereby rendering these rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and remove his provisional rejections of claims 14-19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting with respect to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0108892.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 59-018421 to Katsuo (hereinafter "Katsuo") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,563,557 to Sasaki (hereinafter "Sasaki") in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,146,398 to Chang *et al.* (hereinafter "Chang"). (See, Office Action at pp. 3-5.) Applicant traverses these rejections.

Amended independent claim 32 recites, *inter alia*, "a second capacitor coupled between said fourth terminal and said gate terminal." Independent claim 33 has been similarly amended. None of Katsuo, Sasaki, or Chang, alone or in combination, discloses, teaches, or suggests this feature. Therefore, claims 32 and 33 are patentable over Katsuo in view of Sasaki in further view of Chang. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and remove his rejections of claims 32 and 33 under U.S.C. § 103(a).

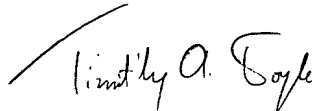
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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